

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYASHI et al.

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METHOD FOR PROCESSING CELLS

Group Art Unit: 3735

Examiner: D. SHAY

Docket No.: 111632

## SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

For:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 11, 2006, an extension of time for a period of 3 months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 189213 in the amount of \$510.00 in payment for:

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